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PRICES  
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VERY MUCH  
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California Apricots,  
Today, 6½c

5-lb. lots bright, new California Apricots at 6 and a half cents lb.—smaller quantities, 7c lb.

Today, 4½c

5-lb. lots of sweet, new, large Oregon Prunes at 4 and a half cents lb.—smaller quantities, 5c lb.

Eggs, 10

10-dozen lots of best fresh Eggs at 10c. per dozen—smaller quantities, 10 and a half cents per dozen.

Sugar  
Reduced!  
4½c

Today we make a special reduction—Granulated Sugar, 4 and a half cents pound.

Arbuckle's  
and  
Levering's  
Coffee, 11½c

10-lb. lots of either Arbuckle's or Levering's Large Grain Roasted Coffee at eleven and a half cents lb. Smaller lots, twelve and a half cents lb.

FREE!

5 lbs. of Best Granulated Sugar to be given free with each 3-lb. purchase of Java and Mocha Coffee, or with each 1-lb. purchase of 50c Tea, 60c Tea, 80c Tea or \$1 Tea.

BEST  
ELGIN  
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5-lb. lots of Best Elgin Butter at 22c lb. Smaller quantities at 23c lb. Oyster's half-pound prints, 12c each.

GRAHAM  
WAFERS, 10c

Graham Wafers today at 10c lb.

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CRACKERS, 10c

Fruit Crackers today at 10c lb.

Best  
Butterine, 12c

5-lb. lots of Best Butterine at 12c lb. Smaller quantities at 14c lb.

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SOAP, 1½c

Today 3,800 cakes of Excellent Laundry Soap at one and a half cents cake.

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1,400 lbs. of either Stick Candy or French Mixed at 5c lb.

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14 dozen Large Carpet Brooms with 3 strings and well made, 10c each.

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Today, 480 cans of Elgin Condensed Milk at 8c can. Every can guaranteed.

California  
Evaporated  
Peaches, 6c

10-lb. lots of Bright California Peaches at 6c lb. Smaller lots at 6½ and a half cents lb.

CANNED  
PEACHES, 7c

Large cans of Best Maryland Pie Peaches at 7c can.

California  
Evaporated  
Bartlett  
Pears, 6½c

Very Large Bright Bartlett Evaporated Pears at 6½ and a half cents lb.

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## THE PRESIDENT Wavers

### Turned From a Patriotic Course by Cleveland's Adviser.

#### LISTENS TO MR. ATKINS' ADVICE

The Looked-for Message to Congress Has Not Been Written and May Not Be Sent in Monday—Senate Foreign Relations Committee Are Vexed by the Delay.

The events of yesterday lead to the conclusion, in some minds, that the present Administration is still resting with in the shadow of the Cleveland foreign policy. Members of Congress are asking themselves the question whether the McKinley Administration will shake off the musty, decayed mantle of Cleveland mismanagement and put on a garment in which the Stars and Stripes will at least form a trifle of the ornamentation.

At the Cabinet meeting yesterday the President failed to state whether or not it was his intention to respond to the request of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations by sending a message to Congress, asking an appropriation for the support of the warship Americans now on the island of Cuba. By indirectness, at least, the President gave the committee to understand, Wednesday, that he would take this step. Early the next morning, at the urgent appeal of a personal friend of Mr. McKinley, he changed his mind and still is dubious about his future conduct with respect to this pressing subject.

This change of heart is said to be due to the representations of Mr. Atkins, of Boston, one of those Americans who own a large interest in the sugar plantations of Cuba, and who, by reason of this monetary interest, is moved to advocate the cause of Spain, lest his investments depreciate, and he and his associates suffer financial loss. It is said here that the late Secretary of State, Mr. Olney, now a practicing lawyer of Boston, is the paid attorney of the interests which Mr. Atkins represents, and that it was this same Mr. Atkins who was so instrumental in tying the hands of the Cleveland Administration and stifling any incident outbreak of genuine American patriotism that might have manifested itself.

At a most important moment yesterday Mr. Atkins appeared upon the scene and led the President, for the time being, at least, to doubt the accuracy of the reports of his own agents and place full credence in the assertions of a man who is at best a prejudiced witness. According to the statements of Mr. McKinley, the committee who have seen the brief of the correspondence of our consular agents no oral communication that could have been made to the President.

The Busy Corner, 8th and Market Space.

## S. KANN, SONS & Co

### OUR SECOND GRAND REBUILDING SALE

#### Another big send-off of special good values for our customers.

We had sufficient time yesterday to select a line of bargains which we consider trade bringers of the very best type.

Each department represented in this advertisement brought forth the best it could possibly give. Many items are below jobbers' quotations. We wish to do a routing big trade to end a busy week.

### FOR MEN.

Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, 30c quality, all sizes..... 25c  
Men's Striped Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, in blue and white and brown and white, 30c quality, all sizes..... 25c  
Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, color light blue, light finish, 50c quality, all sizes..... 39c  
Men's normal weight Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality, 35c..... 3 for \$1  
Men's Angola Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality, all sizes, 35c..... 3 for \$1  
Men's Bleached Jean Drawers, string or stockinet bottoms, 39c quality, all sizes..... 25c  
Men's Bleached Peppermint Jean Drawers, re-enforced seats, string and stockinet bottoms, 50c quality, in all sizes..... 39c  
Men's French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, button-made. Our own importation, 60c quality—all sizes..... 50c  
Men's Fine Lisle Thread Shirts and Drawers, Medicoit, Morgan & Co., makers, \$1.25 quality—all sizes..... 98c  
Men's Laundered Porelase Shirts, with or without collars, attached cuffs, 50c quality—all sizes..... 39c  
Men's Unlaundered Porelase Shirts, extension collar band, 39c quality—all sizes..... 29c  
Men's Laundered Porelase Shirts, with two collars and one pair cuffs, 75c quality—all sizes..... 59c  
Men's Laundered Shirts, with fancy madras and zephyr bosoms, extra cuffs, \$1.50 value—all sizes..... 98c  
Men's English Golf Hose, a sample line of \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 quality..... 59c  
Men's Wool Sweaters, another sample line, \$1 and \$1.39 quality..... 49c  
Men's Half Hose, black, tan, mode and balbriggan, full regular made, double sole, high spliced heels and double toes, fine gauge, 10c quality..... 12½c  
Men's Roller End Suspenders, with cast-off buckles, 19c quality..... 11c  
Men's Silk Garters, just as good as the Boston make, in all colors..... 10c  
Men's and Ladies' Silk Gloria Umbrellas, steel rod, paragon frame and Congo sticks, \$1.25 quality..... 98c

This department will find open until 10 o'clock tonight. First floor adnex.

## THE TRIUMPHANT PORTE

### Refuses to Consent to an Armistice Until Domoko Falls.

#### TROUBLES OF THE POWERS

Turkey Grows Great by Feeding on the Meat of Victory—The Powers Will Probably Have to Make a Show of Force to Bring It to Terms.

London, May 14.—It is now evident that the powers do not possess the control of the Sultan, which it was assumed in many quarters, would speedily bring an end to hostilities as soon as Greece sought their mediation. The Porte virtually refuses to consent to an armistice until the Turkish troops shall have taken Domoko, where the Greek headquarters in Thessaly is now situated. The Greeks have given a filip to the campaign in Epirus by their spirited advance, which has already led to severe fighting. The war will probably continue in a serious fashion for several days longer, both in Thessaly and Epirus. Evidence is lacking, however, of any general revival of the spirit du corps of the crown prince's army, and further easy successes for Edhem Pasha are expected.

These successes will further increase the embarrassment of the powers, which is already great.

The fact is, the Sultan is quite out of hand. His apologists say that he would be glad to acquiesce in the wishes of the powers, but the military party in Constantinople is too strong for him. This is a convenient explanation, but the Porte is really master of the situation, short of actual coercion by the powers, which has not yet been thought of.

The latest version of the Porte's demands is that Turkey will get Thessaly in exchange for Crete, which the powers will give to Greece if they close. It is hardly possible that the concert will consent to this, and Greece is not likely to submit, though she is almost helpless in her present position.

It is beginning to be realized in Athens that Greek interests would have been vastly stronger if the government had negotiated direct with the Porte instead of calling on selfish mediators, who will seek only their own ends.

The powers really made the war by preventing Greece from settling her own difficulties, and are now continuing it when both belligerents would be glad to come to terms.

It is pretty evident now that when a settlement is reached it will include some so-called rectification of the Thessalonian frontier, despite the opposition of England, and, perhaps, of France. This means, of course, that Greece will lose a slice of territory.

The government organs of the English press are already preparing public opinion for this fresh demonstration of the impotence of Great Britain in European affairs. There is comical amusement in the fact that those English enemies of Greece are now earnestly hoping for a revival of her arms in order to break the obstinacy of the Sultan and preserve the present map of Europe.

### THE PORTE PROCHASTINATES.

Will Not Consider the Question of Mediation Until After Sunday.

Constantinople, May 14.—In response to the joint note of the representatives of the powers, offering to mediate between Turkey and Greece, the porte today informed the foreign ambassadors that it would consider the question of mediation after the festival of Bairam, which ends on Sunday.

### BLOODY BATTLE AT GRIBOVO.

A Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fight in Epirus.

Arta, May 14.—The Turks attacked Col. Barakatis' brigade of Greek troops from the heights of Gribovo, in Epirus, at an early hour this morning, and a desperate hand to hand fight ensued, and continued until darkness had set in. It will be resumed tomorrow. The Greek loss thus far has been 400 killed, including twenty-five officers. The Turks have scarcely any artillery, but have been prevented from using their guns, owing to the close quarters in which the fighting today was carried on.

### MARCHING ON DOMOKO.

Turkish Army Advances Toward the Greeks' Last Line of Defense.

Larissa, May 14.—The Turkish army, under Edhem Pasha, is marching upon Domoko and has already occupied five villages en route.

Greeks Bombarding Two Towns.

Athens, May 14.—The town of Preveza is now being closely besieged by the Greeks, who are also bombarding Actium, near the entrance to the Gulf of Arta, from the sea.

Turks Threaten Almyro.

Athens, May 14.—Gen. Soudanski telegraphs that the Turks are in strong force near Almyro, and that he expects they will attack him tomorrow.

Bombs Earned by the Nashville.

Bridgport, Conn., May 14.—The new gunboat Nashville today earned a ton of something over \$40,000 for her builders, when she raced over the sixty-mile course at a clip two knots and nine in excess of the speed for which she had been designed.

12-inch Boards 1 Cent a Foot.

Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## STATESMEN FOR HIS DUPES

### Young Texas Swindler Thought Congressmen Easy Marks.

#### EIGHT VICTIMS OF HIS WILES

Gathright Told a Hard Luck Story and the Generous Members Heady Responded—Claimed Relationship to Constituents—Shaved His Mustache to Conceal His Identity.

A natty young man who has been living on his wits and the purses of Senators and Representatives is locked up at Leuk. Kelly's police station with eight charges of obtaining money under false pretenses hanging over him and more to follow.

The prisoner is W. G. Gathright, twenty-two years of age, a lawyer by profession, and a resident of Chicago, it is believed, although he claims Texas as his home. He was arrested in the Congressional Library yesterday by Capitol Detectives Sinnott and Joyce, who had been looking for him several days.

After being taken into custody Gathright was escorted to the Capitol guardroom and examined. Detective Sinnott informed the prisoner that he knew of his game and his aliases, and the young man confessed. It was also learned that he was a morphine fiend.

Gathright was known variously as U. C. Howard, J. D. Williams, Harvey Bolton, and by other aliases. His victims, so far as discovered, are Congressmen Sayers, Burke, and Cooper, of Texas; Adamson, Tate, and Livingston, of Georgia; Henry of Mississippi, and Derry, of Kentucky.

His method of securing the statesmen was to go to a Member, represent himself as a constituent, and state that he was here settling up his mother's estate. Being short of cash temporarily, he would like a loan of, say \$10. If he could not get \$10, why, as a favor of course, he would try to make out on \$5. Gathright referred to prominent people in the district of each Member he approached, and in several instances claimed relationship with them. He rarely failed to talk a \$10-bill out of the purse of his distinguished victim.

For instance, he told Representative Burke he was a nephew of Judge Tatloe, of Dallas, one of the most prominent of the Texas justices. Gathright gave such a straight story that Mr. Burke believed him and delivered him to the extent of \$10. After his successful interview with Mr. Burke the young man shaved off his mustache, which he had worn for some time, and went on to approach other Members of Congress. He was successful in obtaining \$10 from Representative Sayers to give him a "third-class" ticket for \$10. This required nerve, for Mr. Sayers was present when Gathright told his tale of woe and received the money from Mr. Burke. The fellow who had concluded that the absence of his mustache would be a sufficient disguise, and after taking an extra large dose of morphine he called on Mr. Sayers and succeeded in talking him out of \$10. This transaction was repeated with the other seven Congressmen named and others who are yet to be heard from by Detective Sinnott and Joyce, who have enlisted Detective Hartigan, of the Sixth precinct, in the work with them.

The officers say Gathright has been working this scheme for the past six weeks, and they have not as yet any idea how much money he has filched from Representatives and Senators. The prisoner was a daily visitor to the Congressional Library, and the detectives believe he went there to look over State and city directories, in order to familiarize himself with the names and occupations of persons in the districts of members he intended to approach for money. Gathright is married, and his wife is said to be living in Chicago.

When searched at the police station, a bottle containing morphine enough to kill a ship's crew was found concealed in his sock. It was taken from him, and he afterwards pleaded hard for some of it that Police Surgeon Nevitt was called in and administered some of the drug to him.

While he was in the guardroom at the Capitol several of his Congressional victims came down to see and identify him. They laughed and twitted each other about the clever manner in which they had been taken in and seemed to regard the matter as a huge joke.

When asked by Detective Sinnott why he resorted to such schemes, he replied: "Oh, it was an easy way to get money, and the temptation was too great. I had always known that members of Congress are easy marks. I don't care if you send me to jail. About thirty days will do me good and may cure me of the morphine habit, which is a great curse to me."

It was stated yesterday afternoon that the Texas Members of Congress who had been victimized by Gathright are not inclined to prosecute him, as he claims to be a nephew of Judge Gathright, of Palestine, Texas, one of the most prominent men in the State, and they believe his statement is true.

Detectives Sinnott and Hartigan will have the prisoner before the police court this morning, they say, and summonses have been issued for the Members of Congress who yielded so readily to the well-dressed and young young man.

### A CASE FOR INTERVENTION.

Innocent Americans Confined in a Mexican Prison Without Trial.

Oaxaca, Mexico, May 14.—Two months ago a wreck occurred on the Mexican Southern Railroad, near here, in which three persons were injured. The accident was unavoidable, but James Preston, conductor, and H. J. Bradt, engineer, both Americans, were arrested and placed in solitary confinement in jail. They have been confined in prison ever since without trial. American friends here in the city offered bond, but were refused, as they did not possess land, which is a qualification of Mexican law in giving bond. Bradt is said to be sick, and Preston's family is in destitute circumstances.

### Several Killed in a Wreck.

Perry, Okla., May 14.—There was a fatal freight train wreck on the M. & T. Railroad yesterday. Five men were killed or injured. Engines 102 and 103, which were carrying a load of lumber, were derailed. Fifty head of cattle were killed outright.

### Blinds, 1½ inch thick, any size, \$1 a pair.

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### Try Institute Business College, 8th and K.

Unexcelled summer course, \$5 day or night.

### Aluminum Flooring, all one color, 2c a foot.

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## MALLORY WILL SUCCEED CALL.

### The Ex-Congressman Elected Senator on the Twenty-Fifth Ballot.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 14.—Ex-Congressman S. R. Mallory, of Pensacola, was elected Senator from Florida this noon on the twenty-fifth ballot, after an exciting fight, the ballot resulting: Mallory, 53; Chipley, 45; Call, 1.

The Chipleyites would not give up at first, but the official count settled the matter. Mallory is a pronounced silver man. He served in the House for two terms and is an able man.

At 2 o'clock this morning a strong caucus of anti-Chipley men was held. Stockton came down and Mallory was unanimously nominated, forty-five members being present. The fight was exciting and the scene in the House was one of great disorder. The people went wild over the result.

### ONE HUNDRED KILLED.

#### Terrible Loss of Life on a Russian Railroad.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—A military train on the Vork-Borjow Railway was derailed today. Sixteen cars were wrecked. One hundred of their occupants were killed and sixty were injured.

### IT MAY END IN A DUEL

#### A Possible Outcome of the Logan-McCook Controversy.

Military Men Are Already Talking About the Weapons Likely to Be Selected.

New York, May 14.—There can be no gainsaying the gravity of the dispute between John A. Logan and Gen. Alexander McCook, in regard to the uniforms worn by Mr. Logan and Col. John J. McCook, the general's brother, at the recent coronation ceremonies at Moscow. Mr. Logan has given the general and his brother, John J. McCook, the lie, and the friends of all concerned are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the long letter Mr. Logan sent to Gen. McCook on May 3.

When military men become involved in an altercation, and the lie is given, it is almost sure to result in a duel. The friends of the friends of each—the duel. So, with this quarrel the thought has arisen. Army men are not such as break into a fight, and there is much trembling in military circles as to what will be the outcome of this affair.

There is much talk, too, about possible weapons, if a duel is fought, and whether they will select swords or pistols.

Mr. Logan has determined to exact from Gen. McCook a public denial of all the charges of having worn uniforms and insignia to which he was not entitled, which he asserts Gen. McCook has made against him, or he will hold the general responsible, and take such action as he sees fit. This is the gist of the closing sentence of Mr. Logan's letter.

It follows:

"I think the 'fighting McCooks' must all have been killed, for they were brave men and loyal, and when I find two members of that family insulting the white-haired widow and circulating malicious lies and making cowardly, underhanded newspaper attacks upon the son of the man who befriended them, I think without number, I know these two members of the McCook family to be those, one of whom was relieved of his command in the face of the enemy for disobedience of orders and the other resigned and went home upon the eve of a campaign."

### ROBBERS HELD UP A TRAIN.

#### They Destroy the Express Car With Dynamite.

San Antonio, Texas, May 14.—The Southern Pacific train, westbound, was held up on an embankment at 2 o'clock this morning at Losler, 26½ miles west of here.

There were three men in the party, and while one of the guards stood over the engineer and fireman the other two attacked the express car with dynamite. The car was shattered and the safes blown open. The robbers then deliberately helped themselves to the contents of the safes. They took everything of value and are believed to have secured several thousand dollars.

The robbers held the train nearly one hour and a half and then mounted their horses and rode off.

The robbers are from New Mexico and their names are known to United States Marshal Wade. It is therefore expected that their capture will be easily effected.

### ANXIETY IN SPAIN.

#### Fearful of a Change in the Attitude of the United States.

London, May 14.—A dispatch to the Standard from Madrid says it is stated in official circles that the government had information of any change in the attitude of the United States with reference to Cuba.

The government believed that the granting of reforms to the island and amnesty to the political prisoners will conciliate American opposition.

The press echoes the anxiety that is felt in political and financial quarters.

### THREE NEGROES LYNCHED.

#### They Had Attempted an Outrage on Miss Lottie Coates.

Rosebud, Texas, May 14.—Dave Cotton, Berry Williams, and Sabe Stuart were hanged by a mob of infuriated citizens three miles from here last night.

On Wednesday night the negroes named entered the residence of William Coates, living here, and attempted to outrage his daughter, Miss Lottie Coates.

### A. P. A. COUNCIL ADJOURNS.

#### Work Accomplished in the Closing Day's Session.

The supreme council of the American Protective Association, which has been in session since the first of the present week, was brought to a close last night. The most important action of the closing session was in the change of representation, which had been foreshadowed by The Times.

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Doors, Any Size, 1½ inches thick, \$1. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## WHY MR. ATKINS FAVORS SPAIN.

### Millionaire Sugar Planter and Friend of Mr. Olney.

Mr. Atkins, of Boston, millionaire Cuban sugar planter and refiner, came to Washington on Wednesday, May 12, for an interview with President McKinley, and on Thursday night went back to Boston. Immediately after Mr. Atkins' interview with Mr. McKinley, the President called Senator Foraker up at the Senate over the telephone, and informed him that he had changed his mind with respect to sending immediately a message to the Senate.

In the light of these events the idea is beginning strongly to appeal to certain curious minds, that Mr. Atkins may be a key to the President's attitude. It may not be certainly so, but it is possible, at least, that Mr. Atkins and Mr. McKinley have similar views as to the Cuban situation.

These facts with regard to this gentleman from Boston have been ascertained. Mr. Atkins is a near relative of Mr. Olney, the Cuban and American families being on the friendliest and most intimate terms. Mr. Olney is the attorney for the sugar interests which Mr. Atkins represents. During the last Administration this Boston gentleman was the authority on Cuban matters, and the adviser of the Secretary of State as to the Cuban policy, the Olney policy.

Mr. Atkins owns and is interested in one of the largest sugar plantations on the island of Cuba. It contains thousands of acres, and runs a sugar mill, also owned by the concern. Mr. Atkins has been unusually successful in the Cuban business, and has acquired for himself the deadly hatred of every one connected with the Cuban struggle on the island. There is a standing offer of a brigadier general's commission from the Cuban government to the man who will put a dynamite bomb in the hands of the Spaniards. Three thousand acres of sugar cane has been totally destroyed by the Cubans. If the Cuban cause is successful, Mr. Atkins will be the least kindly regarded of all the pro-Spanish people on the island. What measures might be taken in such an event can only be surmised.

### FAMINE'S DEADLY RAVAGES.

#### Brutal Treatment of Starving Families by the Spaniards.

Havana, via Key West, May 14.—The Spanish gunboat Diego Velasquez entered on Wednesday morning the Bay of Cienfuegos, carrying twenty-four families of pacificos from the province of Santa Clara. The families were found near the shore, starving, and were sent to the outskirts of Cienfuegos, with the other famine-stricken non-combatants, by order of Gen. Weyler.

At Pozo Lumar, in Santa Clara province, the Spanish battalion of Zaragoza found seventy-four families starving in huts. Instead of giving them relief the Spaniards treated them brutally. Women, old men and children were brought to a place near the Spanish fort and obliged to stay there in sight of the guard, without shelter or food.

In Santa Clara province 500 persons died of hunger last week. The American consulate is surrounded by men spying on those who bring in news about the situation.

The war is going on as usual. The Spaniards, under Col. Alfau, on their way from Corral Nuevo to Canasí, Matanzas province, heard the firing of Spaniards and insurgents in conflict at Vista Hermosa. Alfau turned off to help the Spaniards. His vanguard, led by Lieut. Guardia, fell into a trap, and was destroyed by the Cubans. Guardia himself being killed. The battalion retired in haste, leaving more than eighty killed on the field.

Near Cobres, Santiago de Cuba province, the Spanish forces of Buena Vista were caught by the insurgents, under Gen. Garcia, son of Gen. Ojeda Garcia. They left on the field twelve killed and wounded.

Flour 8c, 10c, 12c, 14c, 16c, 18c, 20c, 22c, 24c, 26c, 28c, 30c, 32c, 34c, 36c, 38c, 40c, 42c, 44c, 46c, 48c, 50c, 52c, 54c, 56c, 58c, 60c, 62c, 64c, 66c, 68c, 70c, 72c, 74c, 76c, 78c, 80c, 82c, 84c, 86c, 88c, 90c, 92c, 94c, 96c, 98c, 100c.

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